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irony, too, in the defrauding experience existence and human passion that an life to live as her ancestors had lived of her second love affair. But the frusartist can only achieve in humility. - plowing the land, sowing and reap- tration of a high and ardent tempera-

Mrs. Craddock" is wrought with a ing; but her children, the sons of the ment, the waste of a capacity for heroic restraint of feeling and craftsmanship future, would belong to a new stock. abandonment, is perhaps a more subtle that Maugham has not shown either in stronger and fairer than the old. The catastrophe than the ancients knew who "Of Human Bondage" or "The Moon Leys had gone down into the darkness first defined tragedy. and Sixpence." The restraint is in the of death and her children would bear Neurotic, highly-pitched, subtle and

economy of physical experience that the brown fields and the gray sea mist, erary quest into sex. so to make up the story. But it por- She was a little tired and the physical irays, nevertheless, a rich and imagina- sensation caused a mental fatigue, so tion-stirring figure in Bertha Ley. She that she felt in her suddenly the wearia the last flaring of the embers of a ness of a family that had lived too long. dying county family-a woman passion- . . . Her thoughts wandered to her

through Italy in search of beautiful things and emotions which his native country could not give him; of Miss Ley, contempt. Was not she, the last of them, wise? Feeling herself too weak to stand alone, she had taken a mate

mordant, "Mrs. Craddock" is an exness of the Kentish landscape and the "All these things are gathered out of traordinary example of the modern lit-

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An Employee of Senator Harding

W ARREN G. HARDING, the Republican nomines for President, was one of the early em ployers of Frederick O'Brien, author "White Shadows in the South Seas." when Mr. O'Brien was tramping about the world and Mr. and Mrs. Harding were running a small paper in Marion, Ohio. Mr. O'Brien was on his way back across the country after having marched on Washington as a "General" in Coxey's army. He stepped out of a side-door sleeper somewhere in Ohio and first began selling hedges to the farmers. A murder trial in Marion attracted his attention, and he offered himself as a great crime reporter to Mr. Harding, proprietor of "The Star." Mr. O'Brien says that at that time Mr. Harding solicited advertising and Mrs. Harding kept the books and distributed papers to the newsboys.

Preface by D. H. Lawrence that free verse is, or should be, direct escapes from death, utterance from the instant, whole man. Kalpaschnikoff was accused of plot- credit for abnormal cinirvovance. He no use drawing a melodic line which the author: all the feet must toe. Free verse toes "He is a patriotic Russian, possessed had one faithful and devoted adherent no melodic line, no matter what drill of courage, intelligence and culture his cook, Daria. One day, as Daria was sergeant. Whitman brunes away his 11 Kalpaschnikoff was connected with washing her master's white Spitz dog metrical verse, and to dish up the him on the subject. He always ex- denouncing Uritzky for the loss of free-versifiers accomplish. They do visional government had been over- rest. Unitzky finally had Daria brought pearl, but instantaneous like plasm, to the provisional government scens the tactiul observation: just takes place."

Iron and the Fatherland

purchased by Krupp from a French criminal offenses."

feetually that the Commissar issued orfirm, was seized in the Channel by a It was a strange crowd that filled ders for Kalpaschnikoff's release. His it was taken to Brest and released, by the period of Kalpaschnikoff's impris- was only after a considerable display of in the French Chamber of Deputies, Among the more distinguished priscarefully verified and recorded by coners were Bourtseff, the Sherlock Clarence Streit, in "Where Iron Is. Holmes of the revolutionists, who details week by B. W. Huebsch, Inc. Bit hospite of spies and informers; Purish by his in the French hearing according A LANGE COLLECTION OF STANDARD to prove one of the most sensational of constant terror, however, as there was

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ARLY in 1918 Colonel Andrew why he did not go back to Poland and Kalpaschnikoff, a Russian leave Russia alone Derzhinsky is reporter in the service of the resented as replying: American Red Cross, was im- . "Your question interests m prisoned for several months by order will answer you precisely. Poles like of the Bolshevik government in the me-small oppressed employees-are Poetry lovers will be particularly famous fortress of Sts. Peter and Paul the best workmen for Bolshevism and interested in the preface "On the Na- in Petrograd. His account of his ex- we volunteered to organize it in your ture of Poetry," which D. H. Law- periences, entitled "A Prisoner of country first, and then later, when the

rence contributes to his volume of Trotzky's" (Doubleday-Page), is a most Allies have been stupid enough to sup "New Poems," published this week by vivid and startling narrative. It pos. ply Poland with money and everything B. W. Huebsch, Inc. Of free verse sesses all the fascination of fiction. It she needs, we can swallow the country Mr. Lawrence says, in part: "Much is doubtful if any hero of Dumas ever in a week, it is such a wonderful field all that can be said, first and last, is ventures or enjoyed so many narrow that free verse is, or should be, direct escapes from death.

It is the soul and the mind and body ting to send a number of Red Cross was speaking in April, 1918, not in surging at once, nothing left out, motor cars to General Kaledine, an There is anti-Bolshevik Cossack leader who was litted horizon certainly did not indi some confusion, some discord. But then fighting in the Don region, Kalthe confusion and the discord only be- paschnikoff venemently asserts his in- under Alice auspices. long to the reality, as noise belongs nocence and is supported by former as mejodramatic as his imprisonment. to the plunge of water. It is no use Ambassador Francis, who writes a fere- He had languished in the fortress fo

cliches perhaps his cliches of rhythm gny movement for the restoration of the Bolshevik Commissar Unitaky called as well as of phrase. And this is about the monarchy I was not aware of it, up to ask her to give some testimony all we can do, deliberately, with free and think I should have known it if he about a certain young officer who was verse. To break the lovely form of had been, as I had several talks with accused of robbery. Dama reposed by fragments as a new substance, called pressed himself as a liberal-minded some shoes which had been stolen from ers libre, this is what most of the Russian and regretful that the pro- her at the time of Kalpaschnikoff's ar-

The utterance is like a spasm, naked to have been a case of preferring the "You look like a good Barin (gentle contact with all influences at once.

It lesser of two evils. He inveigns bitdoes not want to get anywhere.

It terly against its head, Kerensky, whom he describes as a shallow adventurer do not understand why people are not without principle, courage or honor, ashamed to call you a filthy old Jew He declares, on somewhat doubtful au- ready to strangle every one.' A schooner bound for Hamburg, car- thority, that Kerensky "had been arrying nickel, a metal essential to the rested several times before the revolu- this brilliant stroke of diplomacy, and manufacture of heavy calibre guns, tion, not only for political, but for Daria followed up her advantage so ef-

French warship in September, 1914; the cells of Str. Peter and Paul during troubles were by no means over, and it an order of the French Ministry, to onment. Old monarchists and veteran ingenuity that he was able to escape continue on its voyage. This is one revolutionists, united in hostility to through the German and Bolshevist of the facts recently brought to light the Bolsheviki, occupied adjoining cells, lines and take refuge in America.

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Colonel Kalpaschnikoff's book ends by bit in the French hearing, according kevitch, a fanatical Czarist; Mmc. to Mr. Streit's book, the sordid story of the treason of certain of the big busiand a friend of Assuntin and Terest, orthodox churches. He believes that the treason of certain of the big business men of France and Germany in time of a most scute war emergency nets. There was much in the situation the fevival of religion and patriotism will soon lead Russia out of the temporary disastroys interlude of Bolshevism.

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